of New Delhi railway station. Alongwith other garbage he took these objects to the railway quarters on Thompson Road. On opening these paper-wrapped bombs he found nothing of interest. After wrapping them again in paper and tying them with a string, he threw them in the garbage. Next morning, when one of the inmates of the quarters ignited the garbage with a match-stick, one of the crude bombs exploded, injuring two persons.

2. The bomb disposal squad was summoned and the remnants of the exploded and the unexploded devices were checked. A case u/s 3/4 Explosive Substances Act has been registered at Police Station Kamla Market, Delhi.

Violation of Rules regarding Posting of IPS Officials

*392. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Rules, the IPS Officers are posted back to parent State Cadre after 3-5 years of outside tenure;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some Maharashtra State IPS Cadre officials presently posted in Border Security Force, Delhi have been posted there continuously for ten or more years in violation of the above Rules;

(c) if so, what are their names, places of outside posting with duration during the last ten years;

(d) whether it is also a fact that similar requests have been turned down in cases of IPS officials of other States; and

(e) by when the officials are proposed to be posted back to their parent Cadre?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The deputation of IPS officers to Central Government is governed by Tenure Rules. According to these Rules, the normal tenure for officers of the rank of Superintendent of Police is 4 years and for DIG/IG level officers, it is 5 years.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Bringing the River Ganga Back to the Dry Ghats

*393. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent movement launched at Kanpur to bring the Ganga back to the dry ghats; and

(b) if so, what is the response of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India will extend technical assistance to the Government of Uttar Pradesh in regard to proposals formulated by them. A Technical Committee was set up by the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests to examine the matter. The Government of Uttar Pradesh would consider the recommendations of the Committee and formulate project proposals.

Killing of Rhinos of Kaziranga National Park by Poachers

*394. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that rhinos are being killed every year by the poachers in Kaziranga National Park, Assam;

(b) if so, how many rhinos have been unauthorisedly killed during the years 1985, 1986 and 1987; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to save the rhinos from poachers and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of rhinos unauthorisedly killed in Kaziranga National Park is reported to be 41 in 1985, 41 in 1986 and 24 in 1987.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

Statement

The steps taken to save rhinos from poachers include increased deployment of protection staff, consolidation and expansion of rhino habitats, procurement of vehicles, boars, arms and wireless sets for better communication and protection. For this a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Conservation of Rhinos in Assam with a VII Plan outlay of Rs. 5.0 crores, is being implemented.

Moreover, the rhinos in Manas Tiger Reserve are receiving protection under the aegis of Project Tiger and to which the Central Government is providing assistance. The Kaziranga National Park has received financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the protection and development of national parks and other sanctuaries holding rhino populations are receiving financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the protection and development of wildlife sanctuaries. Furthermore, funds have also been provided to the State Government of Assam on 50% cost sharing basis under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Control of Poaching and Illegal Trade in Wildlife.

The State Government have strengthened the protective safeguards and staff to protect the rhino population there.

Merger of Customs Division of Madurai with Trichy Collectorate

*395. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Customs Division of Madurai has been merged with the Trichy Collectorate;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representation has been received from the traders of Madurai Division to reconsider the decision; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This was done to bring the Customs work in Tamil Nadu State, barring the areas under the jurisdiction of the Madras Custom House, under the control of one Collectorate.

(c) One of the Members of the Regional Advisory Committee of the Madurai Collectorate had pointed out in June 1987, that this might cause some inconvenience to public in Madurai. There has been no other representation from traders.

(d) A Customs Unit of Trichy Collectorate under an Additional Collector, who has the powers of a Collector of Customs, is functioning at Madurai and is available to the public for any clarification or redressal of grievances.